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Docket No.: 210383US0

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/897,107  
Applicants: Akihiko YAMAGISHI  
Filing Date: July 3, 2001  
For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING  
THERMOSTABILITY OF PROTEINS, PROTEINS  
HAVING THERMOSTABILITY IMPROVED BY  
THE METHOD AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
ENCODING THE PROTEINS  
Group Art Unit: 1652  
Examiner: RAMIREZ

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to Restriction Requirement (3 pp.)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 29, 2002, Applicants elect, with  
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6 and 11-16, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-6 and 11-16, drawn to a method for improving  
thermostability of proteins;
- Group II: Claim 7, drawn to a protein with improved thermostability; and
- Group III: Claims 8-10, drawn to DNA encoding a protein with improved  
thermostability and a host cell comprising said DNA.

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